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## GEORGIA DOT BEGINS SHOULDER REPAIR ON HIGHWAY 6 IN POLK COUNTY

**WHAT** A Georgia DOT crew begins today through Thursday their work on repairing the shoulders of State Route (SR) 6 in Polk County. Work will proceed daily between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weather permitting.

GDOT maintains over 4929 miles of road shoulders in Northwest Georgia. Shoulder rebuilding maintenance operations often consist of reshaping continuous sections of road shoulder using a grader or a truck-mounted material conveyor to restore the shoulder to its original condition. This same activity is used for shoulder restoration following resurfacing projects. Safety is a top priority for Georgia DOT. Highways with well-maintained shoulders have lower accident rates, as they provide space to make evasive maneuvers, accommodate driver error and add a recovery area to regain control of a vehicle. Shoulders also provide structural support to the roadway pavement and help discharge water further from the travel lanes, reducing the undermining of the base and subgrade of the highway.

**WHEN:** Monday, August 10 through Thursday, August 13, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** SR 6 in Polk County

***DriveAlert ArriveAlive** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA*  
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